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ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON 'SWEET ALICE'

Western Lawyer Says English Did Not Write "Ben Bolt," But Boston Music House Says That He Did.

Jameson, Mo., February 16, 1915. Editor Clinch Valley News: Tazewell, Virginia.

Dear Sir: Please find enclosed letter from Judge Henry C. McDougal, of Kansas City, Mo., to me giving a full account of the life of Thomas Dunn English from birth to death. I find further from Henry Wynn, of Gallatin, Mo., (a son of John Wynn, of Tazewell county, the same who built the brick house spoken of in a former letter.) that Thomas Dunn English was there at his father's house in the summer of 1848 or '49.

You wish to know something of the Wynn family. My great grandfather, Mr. William Wynn, was born in 1722, and came to Tazewell county in 1772, and built a fort just west of



HAMLET WYNN.

the brick house near the graveyard. The remains of this chimney were there 56 years ago when I left the State. This was just above the large spring on rising ground near the graveyard. (See Beckley's history of Tazewell county.) My grandmother Wynn was a sister of Thomas Peery and Dr. Henry Fielding Peery, of Jeffersonville.

I want to say this to my old Tazewell county friends and relations, if any there be: "I bid you good morning and I bid you goodbye."

Sincerely,
HAMLET WYNN.

The letter referred to by Mr. Wynn contains an extract from "Personal Recollections," written by Mr. McDougal, an attorney, of Kansas City, Mo., concerning Dr. Thomas Dunn English. These facts stated by Mr. McDougal have already been published in this paper. We find, however, a mistake in the following paragraph:

"The man who made 'Ben Bolt' famous, and put it into the mouth of every American and English singer as a song, however, was not the author, but a brainy, clever, Bohemian minstrel named Nelson Kneass, of Baltimore, Maryland." Mr. Kneass wrote the music only for the poem. The following letter received from the large music house, the Oliver Ditson Company, is authentic. The letter says, quoting from a publication, "Our Familiar Songs and Who Made Them":

"The name of Dr. Thomas Dunn English is familiar to the readers of the past forty years; but I think it has not generally been associated with this widely popular song, Ben Bolt. The music appeared with only the composers name attached, and that has always been given incorrectly. Dr. English was born in Philadelphia, June 29, 1819. His vigorous poem 'The Gallows-Goes' made a great sensation in 1845, when capital punishment was an exciting subject of popular debate. A selection from his historical poems has recently (1880) been published in New York, under the title of 'American Ballads.'"

"Ben Bolt" was written in 1842. Its author was visiting in New York and N. P. Willis, who, with Geo. F. Morris was editing the New Mirror, asked him for a gratuitous contribution, and suggested that it be a sea-song. Dr. English promised one, and on returning to his home, attempted to make good his word. Only one line that smacked of the sea came at his bidding; but at a white heat he composed the five stanzas of 'Ben Bolt,' as it now reads, betraying the original intention in the last line of the last stanza. Within a year the poem had been reprinted in England, and its author then thought it might be a still greater favorite if set to appropriate music."

The music company states in a private letter, that the "words of the poem were adapted to a German melody by Nelson Kneass."

James H. Gillespie Dead.

Mr. James H. Gillespie, one of Tazewell's oldest and best known citizens, died at his home at Richlands on last Friday. He was about a month past his 53rd birthday. He is survived by a widow, but no children. His brother, Thomas A. Gillespie, and four sisters survive, viz: Mrs. Cooley, of Florida; Mrs. R. H. McGraw, of Cedar Bluff; Mrs. Dora Hopkins, of Doran; and a half sister, Mrs. Thomas Hankins, of this town.

The funeral took place at Richlands on Sunday, the services being held in the Methodist church, attended by a large concourse of people. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. K. Wingo, now at Saltville, formerly of Cedar Bluff, and an intimate friend of the deceased.

Mr. Gillespie was a frequent visitor to Tazewell, and had the esteem and respect of all who knew him.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Items of Interest Furnished by the Members of the Senior Class. We are very much pleased to announce that the athletic meet between the following schools has been secured for Tazewell: Princeton, Graham, Bluefield, Pearisburg, Pocahontas, and Tazewell. The Tazewell Fair Association has consented for the meet to be held on the Tazewell Fair grounds.

The date is set for May 22nd, but if the weather is unfavorable on that date, it will be postponed until the 24th. It is a great pity that the school boys and girls have not an athletic field that is closer to the school and one that is well equipped. It will take several days hard work to put the Fair Grounds into shape for the meet.

We are also very much pleased to note the loyalty with which the people of the town have responded to the cause and we feel sure they will be fully repaid for the assistance they have rendered.

The Senior Class organized last week and elected the following officers: President, Robert M. Muir; Vice-President, Miss Cora Britts; Secretary, Miss Ollie Kate Brittain.

A meeting was held at the Secretary's home last Saturday and a very enjoyable time was had.

The boys of the High School met in the Chapel last Friday afternoon for the purpose of organizing an athletic association. Barnes Moore was elected President; Everett Johnson, secretary and Herbert Ward, yell leader.

Last Saturday afternoon several of the boys went to the Fair grounds, where practice for the spring meet was begun.

Mr. Whitman Wants to Know a Few Things.

Purcellville, Va., Feb. 16.

Editor the News: I enclose check for \$150 for the Clinch Valley News, and herewith propound a few questions:

I believe you say that figures prove up straight, but sometimes it is the figurer. I would like for you to answer the questions, not for your Loudon friends, but for your Tazewell friends. In the first place, you say, with the improved way of farming and farm machinery, corn can be raised for 58¢ a bushel. If machinery has done so much for the farmer, why is it, that a man, starting in the printing business, set type by hand, raised a family, makes a living, pays for his accumulated property, and about the time he gets the machinery and latest labor saving devices installed why is it he can't print the paper for less than a dollar? The paper is no larger, or I will say, no better than it was fifteen years ago. I send you \$1.00 for the paper and 50¢ for needles. I expect the quality of the needles will more than compensate the raise in price of the paper. Please receipt to December, 1915, and oblige,

W. O. WHITMAN.

In reply to our old friend, "Bruz" Whitman, we say, that we no longer publish the Clinch Valley News for a dollar for the reason that we don't have to. We send him a book of needles as a present.

Passing of Pioneer.

(Oakland Acorn, Oakland, Iowa.)

Samuel M. Rogers was born in Tazewell county, Va., Jan. 26, 1834, and passed from this life at his home in Hancock, Ia., Jan. 20, 1915, aged 80 years, 11 months and 25 days.

Sept. 14, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Evelyn B. Hayes of Tazewell county, Va. To this union was born eight children: Mrs. Alice Greaver, William D. and Edgar T., of Hancock; Newton G., of Missouri Valley, Ia.; John Kuhn, deceased; Mrs. Mattie Callison and Samuel T. of Oakland, and Cleveland of Walnut. He was survived by his wife, whose faithful service has been a source of great comfort and heartfelt appreciation during his illness, which has continued since July of last year. He is also survived by two brothers—Robert D. Rogers, Bethany, Mo., and Thompson G. Rogers, Winters, Calif.—and two sisters—Mrs. Matilda Hancock, Council Bluffs, and Mrs. Louisa Hancock, Burley, Idaho. There are also many fifteen grandchildren and one great grandchild, many relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Mr. Rogers, a native of Virginia, was true to the land of his birth. He inherited the instincts and characteristics of the southern people. Hospitality, friendliness and peacefulness were the dominant traits of his character. When the war of the rebellion broke out he enlisted with the first volunteers of his state, Co. K, 45th Virginia regiment, where he served until the close of the conflict.

In the spring of 1877 he moved with his family to Pottawattamie county, Ia., and settled near Council Bluffs, where he resided until the spring of 1881, moving then to a farm near Oakland, where he lived until his death.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church at Hancock Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. H. Smith of the M. E. church. The pall bearers were as follows: J. D. Harris, H. A. Vanbeck, M. A. Griffith, Chas. Warner A. S. Bingham, J. W. Schmidt. Honorary pall bearers, members of the A. R., were as follows: J. W. Britton, Fredrick Everhart, J. F. Owens, W. J. Blue, S. K. Smith, W. R. Spencer.

BIG PUBLIC SALE.

Our business is to undergo some important changes demanding an immediate reduction of the stock. In order to do this we will sell AT COST for cash or merchantable produce, any or all of said stock, consisting of Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Groceries and other goods usually kept in a general store. This sale will begin March 1st, 1915, and continue until further notice.

You will save money by taking advantage of this opportunity.

GILLESPIE & COMPANY,
Thompson Valley, Va.

FOOD AND CLOTHES ARE DISTRIBUTED

Graphic Account of Belgian's Flight by Virginia Newspaper Man, Who Accompanied Virginia's Relief Ship.

The following cablegram was received by the Roanoke Times from its special correspondent, Mr. James M. Bennett, who accompanied the Virginia relief ship Lynorta to Belgium:

London, Feb. 12.—If the good people of Virginia could see, as I have, little children crying from hunger, their mothers wan, wasted and waiting in a long line for the food the Old Dominion gave to the afflicted people, they would turn their eyes to the great wide heavens and thank God that it was in their power to help those who need so much.

I will not describe how the harrowing scenes of sorrow and waste and desolation that is a part of that valiant little band. The good folks of Virginia, those who have gone through the days of '61 and '65, know what it is to suffer, but even they cannot conceive of the hopeless condition of the poor Belgians.

HOW FOOD WAS SENT.

The Lynorta's cargo, most of it, was taken into Belgium on flat boats, which go from Holland by canal, and Holland and that part of Belgium through which the supplies were carried, is a veritable network of waterways and artificial streams. The canals formerly had not been navigable. The people allowed them to go to waste. But since the war they have been repaired, and have been the best means of transporting supplies from Rotterdam to the afflicted people.

HOW DISTRIBUTED.

These boats are carried to several hundred sumomes and distributing centers in Belgium. The distribution, which is under the supervision of Americans, is conducted by a committee created from principal business men in Belgium, together with representatives of various provinces of Belgium. Every effort is used to effect as nearly as possible equal distribution of foodstuff in all the land. The head office of the committee is in Brussels.

In each district or commune, each destitute person becomes a subject of special investigation. If found worthy, the person is given a free non-transferable ticket, entitling him to rations twice a day. Persons of small means are given the same rations at a nominal cost, averaging nine francs a month.

PER CAPITA PORTION.

The allotment to each person consists of three hundred grams of bread portions of potatoes, coffee, vegetables and meat. The food is supplied in canteens, one for adults, another for children under three years of age and another for children between three and twelve years of age. The children in the last named class are given rations at school.

This gives some idea of how the food is given to the Belgians. At another time I will go into detail as to the formalities and rules the people are required to recognize before they are given anything further to eat.

ONLY A SMALL PART.

With several million hungry people to be supplied, the people of Virginia may readily see that the Lynorta's cargo was small portion of a great work. Here in London I have heard that the American relief commission already has sent, and plans to send, 48 vessels of mercy to the Belgians, amounting in round figures to a little more than 280,000 tons of supplies. Before closing I want to say that the experience of seeing so many people in want has a very sobering effect. A man does not like to see women and children suffering. It goes to the heart with a pang that cannot be described. One thinks of his own fireside and little ones; and the vision that they too could suffer, as these people are doing, stirs the deepest compassion in one's breast.

But on the other hand I will never forget what I have seen in the faces of even the smallest children, some in their mother's arms. When they have seen a small and withered little flag of the Stars and Stripes, carried in the lap of some and have heard the word, "America" whispered by mother-lips, I have heard them lisp back "America" as none else could say it, except a Belgian child, whose plaintive voice sounds as if it were murmuring some music we hear only in dreams—and "America" has grown to be the sweetest music to them.

Funeral of William Rigby.

The funeral of Mr. William Rigby of Burke's Garden, was preached by Rev. T. H. Campbell in the Central Church last Saturday at 11:45 a. m. The burial took place in the cemetery near the church. He leaves a widow, four daughters, several grand children and other relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

The widow, children and grand children wish to express their high appreciation of Squire T. E. Howell and his family for kindness to them during the sickness and death and burial of their loved one.

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Bluegrass Motor Company Sold Out.

The Bluegrass Motor Company, W. A. Scott, proprietor, was sold this week to the Star Motor Company, of which Mr. L. A. Tyne is manager. The Star Motor Company will take over the stock and business of the Bluegrass company at once. Dr. J. G. Kelly, manager of the Bluegrass Motor Company since its organization last fall will hold a similar position with the new company. Walter Williams will also have a position as mechanic. This deal gives the Star Motor Company a line of automobiles from the "Little Ford That Leads Them," to the Cadillac.

Debt Day at the Methodist Church Next Sunday.

For the want of a better name, next Sunday will be called "Debt Day" at the Methodist church. At this time it is hoped to raise the balance due on the building aside from what has been provided by subscription. Every one who wishes to make a donation for this purpose is requested to bring it in the form of cash, check, or negotiable subscription to be available by the first of April. No one will be asked to respond to any open appeals but each giver is simply asked to place his gift on the basket as it is passed in the regular order. By this means the collection cannot be embarrassing to any one. No one is expected to give unless he feels that he should and every one is assured of a cordial welcome without the gift as with it.

The day for dedication is drawing near and it is planned to dedicate the church without taking a collection for the night of other days. It seems to those who have the matter in hand that every one who intends to give further amounts, or new amounts will welcome this opportunity to clear the debt so that arrangements can be completed at once for the dedication.

The service Sunday is planned to be of special interest to all. One feature will be a quartette—a popular and apt hymn of other days. The pastor, Rev. R. B. Platt, Jr., will preach an appropriate sermon. The general public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

News of Burke's Garden.

Burke's Garden, Feb. 16.—Mr. Mat Rigley died at his home here on last Thursday night of pneumonia. He leaves a wife and several children. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Thos. Campbell.

Mr. Ernest Walker was operated on for appendicitis at St. Luke's hospital in Bluefield on last Thursday and is getting on nicely.

Mr. J. Meek Hoge brought over a nice bunch of cattle yesterday from his farm in Bland county.

Messrs. A. W. Davis, N. W. Stowers, and J. D. Greever went to Grayson last week after cattle.

Mrs. A. S. Greever had as her guests to dinner Saturday the following ladies: Mrs. J. B. Meek, Mrs. M. Cassell, Misses Francis Steiger, Blanche Rhodes, Jennie and Lettie Goodman, Clara and Etta Greever.

Sugar making has been in order for several days.

Special Commissioners C. H. Greever, A. E. Peery and H. R. Stowers delivered the funeral of the late Jas. T. Peery one day last week.

Messrs. A. M. McGinnis, and H. P. Eagle are talking of selling their farms here.

Mrs. Mary Mahood has been suffering very much from rheumatism this winter.

Mr. A. S. Greever and family and Misses Jessie and Jennie McGinnis took dinner at N. W. Stowers Sunday. Mr. D. G. Heninger was putting up some cement work at the cemetery last Saturday.

Two of Mr. Joe Hall's children have been very ill with measles.

Cooking in the Vocational School.

Factory legislation, the eight hour law, as well as some of the methods of modern industry, are needed in many kitchens, according to Mrs. Iris O'Leary, whose bulletin on "Cooking and Training for Home-making Vocational Schools," has just been issued by the United States Bureau of Education.

"Housekeeping lacks the spirit and inspiration of teamwork," says Mrs. O'Leary. "The woman who has once been in industry misses the companionship to which she has been accustomed. She finds herself, therefore, home making a task." Home making outtranks all other trades in the number of persons employed, according to the bulletin. Of the 31 millions of women over 24 years of age in the United States, 24 millions of women are engaged in home making. Mrs. O'Leary points out that "while girls may enter other trades, the great majority of women become, at one time or other, home makers. Wage earning for them is but a temporary affair, which they will leave for a permanent position in their own homes."

The bulletin lays emphasis on the fact that cooking is a scientific process and should be taught as such, especially in the new vocational schools that are being established. "Ability to cook is something with which every girl is by tradition endowed. No number of poor cooks seems to offset the belief that skill in this trade will come at the call of necessity. The aim of trade training in cooking, through the vocational schools, is to teach the subject in such a way as to give actual ability to do this work under home conditions and in a professional manner."

The bulletin deals solely with the teaching of cooking for home-making purposes in the day and evening classes of the vocational schools. "Such instruction," says the bulletin, "aims to develop appreciation and to give training. The training should give manipulative skill and knowledge of materials to the extent of producing a commercial product." Cooking approached from the trade rather than the merely cultural side demands experienced instructors and far more time than is given in the regular day school which must necessarily take the parents of the deceased died last year, their deaths coming in ten days of each other.

Wish all the names of all the good people who have renewed their subscription this week, and new subscribers too, could be mentioned in the paper, but it would take too much space. All of these have the thanks of the editor.

TABOR'S SLAYER GIVEN TEN YEARS

Sam Taylor Pleads Guilty and the Judge Determines the Extent of His Punishment. Other Cases Settled.

Sam Taylor, the young man who killed Hugh Tabor during Christmas week, at Tabor's home on Mud Fork, was tried in Judge Kegley's court here this week, and sentenced to ten years in the Virginia penitentiary.

It will be recalled that the murder of Tabor was pronounced at the time of the killing, one of a very atrocious character. He pleaded "guilty" to the charge, and was tried before the judge without a jury.

After Taylor's confession Judge Kegley ordered evidence to be taken in order to determine upon a verdict as a confession of guilt is not admitted in law as evidence. After the hearing a number of witnesses and speeches by counsel for and against, Judge Kegley promptly and at once, announced a verdict of ten years.

Messrs. Henson & Bowen and Payne & Payne appeared for Taylor, James W. Harman, Commonwealth's attorney, and Minter & Minter and T. C. Bowen appeared for the State.

The verdict caused surprise and much comment on the street. Here are the facts:

Taylor pleaded guilty to the killing of Tabor. This confession took the case out of the hands of the jury. Evidence was heard by the court, and it developed, according to the evidence and circumstances, that the killing was second degree murder, instead of first degree murder. All the circumstances were considered. There seemed to be no evidence of a premeditated crime. There had been trouble on more than one occasion between the parties, and taking all the circumstances, the Judge thought ten years in the penitentiary a sufficient punishment.

The young man's youth, his early and later advantages or disadvantages, and the fact that a full confession was made, all went to temper justice with mercy.

Mr. Tabor, a relative of the dead man, who was here at the trial, said openly that he was entirely satisfied with the verdict, and furthermore said that five years, instead of ten would have been sufficient. Ten long years in confinement for a boy accused of the killing of a man, untrammelled freedom of the hills and mountains, heaven knows, is punishment indeed and enough. May he come through a better man!

Other cases disposed of at this time of court are as follows: Richard Vance, forgery, one year. Tom Flood, selling cocaine, two years. J. L. Towse, stealing and house-breaking, three years. Will Hairston, house-breaking and stealing a case of whiskey, one year. Walter Burress and Joe Carter, to the reform school.

Resolutions of Respect.

Richlands, Va., Feb. 17, 1915.—Whereas, The Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth saw fit on February 12th, to call home to his reward, our valuable and beloved brother James H. Gillespie; and

Whereas, It is meet that a fitting tribute be paid to the just and upright life he has just laid down; and

Whereas, His acts and words were weighed in the balance of justice and squared by the square of virtue, his good counsel and influence will ever be missed by all who knew him Therefore be it

Resolved, By Richlands Lodge No. 318 A. F. & A. M., that while we live in humble submission to the divine will of the Most Worshipful Master, do no less mourn the loss of our brother, who has just been taken from among us; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this Lodge, a copy furnished to the family of the deceased and a copy sent the county papers for publication.

T. A. DRAPER,
J. B. CRABTREE
T. H. DAVIS,
Committee.

Dr. C. A. Johnson Dead.

Dr. C. A. Johnson, whose extreme illness was reported here a few days ago, mention of which is made elsewhere in this paper, died yesterday morning at the Bluefield Sanitarium at 6 o'clock. He leaves a wife and one child, a son, 15 years old.

The funeral and burial is set for 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Bluefield.

Dr. Johnson was, as near as can be ascertained, about 55 years old, a vigorous, strong man until his recent illness. He had been a successful practitioner for a number of years. He was physician to a number of coal companies on the Elkhorh. During later years he gave up his practice, and specialized in diseases of the skin and was very successful. About 18 years ago he was happily married to Miss Laura Bottimore, daughter of the late Judge Bottimore, of this community, sister to Mrs. John C. St. Clair, and John S. Bottimore, of this town and community. Two children were born to them—one, a girl, dying some years ago.

Dr. Johnson was one of Bluefield's most highly esteemed citizens, and his death is widely regretted.

Mrs. D. C. Gibson is reported ill with pneumonia at her home in Thompson Valley.

Pocahontas Inn Burned.

The Pocahontas Inn was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning, says the Telegraph of yesterday. The fire originated in the basement, which was used for a storage room for the Inn bar. About 3 o'clock, John M. Tanner, of Graham, and two other drummer companions, who were spending the night at the Inn, were aroused by smoke in their rooms and immediately gave the alarm, Mr. Tanner giving the alarm and the other two arousing the guests, a number of whom only escaped in their night attire through windows and others who were on the top floor escaping on the tops of adjacent buildings. The hotel was crowded and it is remarkable that all its guests escaped. One man jumped from the third story to the lawn without injury. Gail T. Carter, hotel manager, sustained a badly sprained ankle from jumping from the third floor to a porch below. Miss Regina Heatherman and Mrs. Sarah Reese occupied rooms on the third floor and had to jump to the porch below to escape.

The Pocahontas Inn was until about a year ago a subsidiary of the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company, but was sold to Sam G. Walker, of Welch, and Chas. G. High, of Charleston, who remodeled it, spending about ten thousand dollars on an addition at the corner of Center and Water Streets, which is used as a saloon and the interior of the hotel proper. The Inn building without the addition, is said to have cost Messrs. Walker and High \$35,000, which is a total wreck. It is said to have been fairly well protected by insurance, but it is not known just what the amount was. The fire company fought hard from 3 until 7 o'clock before the fire was subdued, although they were able to keep it sufficiently under control to prevent the fire from spreading to adjacent buildings, and it is rather remarkable work for the local firemen to be able to do this, as the fire having originated in the basement and the structure being wood formed a furnace draft and spread rapidly.

It is doubtful if the hotel will be rebuilt as it is not generally thought a hotel the size of the Inn would pay after the town goes dry about 18 months hence.

Mr. Thompson, a representative of the Flat Top Insurance Agency, at Bluefield, and John M. Newton, who carry the insurance on the building, are on the ground to adjust the loss.

Pocahontas can ill afford to do without a hotel and news of rebuilding would be very gratifying to the citizens in general.

News of Cove Creek.

Cove Creek, February 17.—Mrs. J. B. Gregory spent several days last week on Wolf Creek with her mother, Mrs. Isaac Stowers.

The sick of the community are improving.

Rev. Towse filled his regular appointment at Mt. Nebo Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Fox spent last Sunday with her grandfather, G. C. Fox.

Miss Nannie Gregory spent last Sunday with homefolks.

Miss Geneva Steele was visiting friends around Shawners Mills last week.

Miss Rosa Higginbotham and her brother, Jeff, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. S. E. Stimpson.

Several from this place attended the valentine party at S. E. Stimpson's.

Mrs. R. C. Fox spent last Saturday and Sunday at R. B. Robinett's.

Mrs. Ed. Fox and children spent last Saturday and Sunday at Mr. Andy Fox's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Shannon and children spent last Sunday at Mr. M. F. Neels.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crabtree spent last Sunday at Dr. J. J. Bishop's.

W. O. Burns was here on Tuesday feeling a good deal "worse for wear."

The grip has had him and rattled his bones.

With many kind regards, I am Very respectfully,
J. P. BRAHE.

A few more of these sunshining days, and the ground will begin to roll. "Better had", for really all the spring plowing is to be done yet.

COAL SHIPMENTS ARE IMPROVING

Norfolk & Western's Report Shows Big Gain Over Previous Months—Indications Bright for the Future.

The report of coal shipments for January, made public yesterday, shows an improvement over the previous month. It shows that the business picked up somewhat. The figures for December were 1,641,165 and the total shipments for January were 1,866,938, an increase of 245,773 tons. In January, 1914, the shipments from Norfolk & Western territory were 1,965,814, only 78,876 tons more than were shipped during the January last year. The field, however, has been growing since January, 1914, and had it not been interrupted would have reached the two and a half million mark regularly each month, as it did in July, 1914, when the shipments were 2,509,916 tons. In September the shipments also reached the two and a half million mark, but in October they began to fall off and December saw the low level of shipments for the whole year. It has, according to these reports, started on the upward trend again, and each day sees business somewhat better. The shipments for January were:

Field	Tons.
Pocahontas	912,682
Tug River	298,766
Thacker	257,580
Kenova	28,422
Clinch Valley	169,581
Other N. & W. territory	3,769
Total N. & W. fields	1,740,800

Italian Wields Knife.

In a fight which started in S. L. Matz' saloon in Pocahontas Monday afternoon, an Italian miner is said to have been slashed with a razor by another Italian miner. The names of the two foreigners could not be ascertained. It was stated here yesterday by a Pocahontas officer that the injured Italian was cut from the back of his neck to the corner of his mouth, the razor slashing his cheek through and through, leaving the gash so large that the interior of his mouth could readily be seen. The Italian accused of the cutting was given a hearing before a Magistrate yesterday and held for the action of the grand jury.—Bluefield Telegraph.

East Stone Gap High School.

East Stone Gap, Va., Feb. 15.

Editor the C. V. N.:

I am giving you the following for the C. V. N. this week, and hope it will be of interest to many of our school friends in Tazewell:

East Stone Gap High School is a four years High School, accredited, and has nine teachers, including the music teacher, with about three hundred pupils, with a free public term of nine months.

The building has twelve rooms, and is conveniently located on a beautiful campus in the town of East Stone Gap on the V. S. & W. R. R., about two miles east of Big Stone Gap. This school is well equipped with a good laboratory, furnaces, library, piano, etc. This is one of the best schools of the country and we are doing good work.

With many kind regards, I am Very respectfully,
J. P. BRAHE.

A few more of these sunshining days, and the ground will begin to roll. "Better had", for really all the spring plowing is to be done yet.